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spring skips its turn.**

**The day the Lord created
hope was probably the same
day he created spring.**

Welcome!

Enjoy reading this Parish magazine and, if you wish to know more about Church Groups, please get in touch with the Movers and Shakers - their names are on the inside front & inside back covers. Service times are on the back page. You'd be most welcome to join us. May God bless you and all whom you love.

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We are on Twitter: twitter.com/stmarywoodkirk

Wheelchair Access

A wheelchair is available to help people move easily between the church and Dewsbury Road. Just ask.

Vicar's Letter

I expect whether you are a Royalist or not, the majority of people would have watched the Coronation of King Charles III yesterday. Some will be able to compare it to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953 and some will be watching a Coronation for the very first time.

The Coronation Ceremony is an occasion for pageantry and celebration, but it is also a solemn religious ceremony and has remained essentially the same for over a thousand years. For the last 900 years, the ceremony has taken place at Westminster Abbey, London and is conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, whose task this has almost always been since the Norman Conquest in 1066.

The Coronation Service of Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort at Westminster Abbey will have been attended by a congregation of more than 2,200 people. Guests attending will include Members of the Royal Family, as well as international representatives from 203 countries, including approximately 100 Heads of State, alongside community and charity champions. During the ceremony, the Sovereign takes the Coronation Oath. The form and wording have varied over the centuries but King Charles III will use the following words:-

Archbishop of Canterbury:

Your Majesty, the Church established by law,
whose settlement you will swear to maintain,
is committed to the true profession of the Gospel,
and, in so doing, will seek to foster an environment
in which people of all faiths and beliefs may live freely.
The Coronation Oath has stood for centuries and is enshrined in law.

Are you willing to take the Oath?

The King:

I am willing.

*The King places his hand on the Bible,
and the Archbishop administers the Oath.*

Archbishop of Canterbury:

Will you solemnly promise and swear to govern
the Peoples of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern
Ireland,
your other Realms and the Territories
to any of them belonging or pertaining,
according to their respective laws and customs?

The King:

I solemnly promise so to do.

Archbishop of Canterbury:

Will you to your power cause Law and Justice,
in Mercy, to be executed in all your judgements?

The King:

I will.

Archbishop of Canterbury:

Will you to the utmost of your power maintain
the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel?
Will you to the utmost of your power maintain
in the United Kingdom the Protestant Reformed Religion
established by law?

Will you maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof, as by law established in England?

And will you preserve unto the Bishops and Clergy of England, and to the Churches there committed to their charge, all such rights and privileges as by law do or shall appertain to them or any of them?

The King:

All this I promise to do.

The things which I have here before promised I will perform and keep.

So help me God.

Archbishop of Canterbury:

Your Majesty, are you willing to make, subscribe and declare to the statutory Accession Declaration Oath?

The King:

I am willing.

The King:

I Charles do solemnly and sincerely in the presence of God profess, testify, and declare that I am a faithful Protestant, and that I will, according to the true intent of the enactments which secure the Protestant succession to the Throne, uphold and maintain the said enactments to the best of my powers according to law.

Following the oath the Sovereign is then 'anointed, blessed and consecrated' by the Archbishop, whilst the Sovereign is seated in the King Edward's chair (made in 1300, and used by every Sovereign since 1626).

It is important for us to remember that Charles has been an apprentice for this role all his adult life (50 plus years). When he takes this oath he will be aware of the reign of his mother and her impeccable sense of duty, honour and service.

King Charles III like all of us when undertaking a new role needs to be given an opportunity to stand up and be counted, to keep the promises made in his oath and to serve his people diligently. Only time will tell but keep him and his family in your prayers as they adjust to this new beginning.

It is a celebration, and this weekend there will be many people thankful that this Coronation has happened and there will be many street and church parties that give thanks for His Royal Highness King Charles III.

I am certainly looking forward to the Afternoon Tea on Sunday afternoon to celebrate this great event.

Best wishes

Sharon

Prayerful Thought – Psalm 16:11

Hi there

As part of my continuing development, I am endeavouring to spend more time with God, and to this end have started again to follow the UCB Word for Today daily readings and reflections.

It was lovely therefore to come across this bible passage for the 1st May. Psalm 16:11 says;

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

The reflection that accompanied it suggested that if you were miserable before you met Jesus, it's easy to make the mistake of thinking that the only place you can enjoy his presence is in church.

Now it might be, if you're a bit like me, that you do feel joy in the presence of Jesus in Church, but I wonder if, as I do, you also find joy in His presence more or less anywhere?

A Carmelite monk, Brother Lawrence in his book 'The practice of the presence of God' resented his daily routine in the kitchen, but then God showed him that everything he did each day could be done for God.

The article suggests that you can cultivate your mind to be more productive, and your spirit to be more sensitive to God and you can reach the place where you sense His presence

and His pleasure in all that you do.

Believing God is present with you won't help you if you think he is always upset with you. But when you see yourself as accepted in Christ, you realise that He is not only present with you at all times, but pleased with you '...to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the one he loves' (Ephesians 1:6).

There are dozens of things we do every day, and we can enjoy them all if we just make the decision to do them – getting dressed, going to work, organising things, running errands, grocery shopping, etc. After all, these are the things life is made up of.

Joy comes not merely from being entertained, but from a decision to be grateful for each moment you are given as a rare and valuable gift from God.

So go into today with a lightness in your step and God in your heart. It might not make the job easier but it won't make it any harder (although I'm not sure that counts with all those weeds and nettles in my allotment!).

Life and Love

Dawn xx

A Cousin in Christ

I think that when we first become followers of Jesus, we have one basic understanding: “Jesus is my hero!” Every time we meet another follower of Jesus, we find a new brother or a new sister. There is genuine delight! Every church building is a beautiful reminder we aren’t alone, the Kingdom of God is advancing, and our voice is strong.

But then we decide on a church home (a good thing), and we realise not everybody sees faith the same way. This produces a new circle with our closest of church family. Then we start studying for ourselves (another good thing), and the circle becomes important. And then we read a few books, study a few theologians (more good things), and this circle becomes even more important.

We all need a circle. We have to do the work to develop and understand our beliefs. Not just because we’re commanded to ... but because it makes our faith stronger, personal, rich and that much more exciting. The closer we look the more beautiful it all becomes. However, our church circle is not just a new family. They aren’t our closest of kin, either. We don’t have any distant cousins in Christ, only brothers and sisters. Our circle is important, and probably we may spend more time there than in the other places. Fair enough. With that said, it’s foolish, hurtful and far from the heart of God to exclude, disregard or in any way marginalise those outside of our circle.

I don’t have any distant cousins in Christ, only brothers and sisters. There are people outside of our circle who are smarter than us, wiser than us and have a lot to offer us. Maybe we are right and they’re wrong about ... oh, let’s say, mode of reading the Bible. It doesn’t mean they can’t teach us, correct us, encourage us. They’re well equipped by the Holy Spirit to serve us, and we to serve them.

So ...

May every brother and sister give us true delight, and may every church building be a beautiful reminder we aren’t alone, the Kingdom of God is advancing, and our voice is strong ... together

Amen

Gail

Coffee Morning for World Bee Day

Saturday 20th May 2023

10.00am to 12 noon



As part of our environmental endeavours, we will be celebrating World Bee Day (not bidet!) on Saturday 20th May, with a coffee morning in Church from 10am.

There will be fun bee facts and cakes and other honey flavoured goodies and a raffle.

We hope you will be able to come along and celebrate all things bee (minus the sting of course!). You could always wear something yellow too.

So what is World Bee Day about?

It seeks to raise awareness about the importance of bees, as they help preserve balance within ecosystems. They help pollinate flowers and according to worldbeeday.org, 1/3rd of all food produced in the world depends on pollination.

Sadly, bee populations have been decreasing due to climate change, pollution and intensive agriculture.

World Bee Day was established in 2017 by the United Nations General Assembly and is observed on the 20th May which is the birthday of Anton Jansa an apiarist from Carniola (part of modern day Slovenia) and pioneer of modern apiculture.

Any monies raised will go towards the creation of a 'Bug Hotel' in the Churchyard which the Rainbows and Brownies will be helping to make and install.

Keep Buzzy Dawn x

Rev Sharon starts a trend!

It seems ages ago now, but I'd like you to cast your minds back to the Easter weekend.

On Saturday the 8th April we held our first ever Easteringle Service.

Building on the popularity of our Christingle Services on Christmas Eve, Rev Sharon and Maryon our organist, created a lovely service we decided to call Easteringle.

It was one of those 'Leaps of Faith' where we thought that there might be seven of us or one hundred and seven!

Well what was brilliant was that 35 people attended the service with seven young people which was absolutely brilliant.

Rev Sharon told the story of Easter in an interactive way with 12 large plastic Easter Eggs each containing an item to help illustrate the story which had been placed in pews. The children brought up the eggs in order. Maryon played a lovely selection of appropriate hymns throughout.

Then Dawn and Rev Sharon presented the Easter Story through chocolate referring to many different chocolate bars. This was great as all the children came down to the front of church to see all the chocolates as we held them up.



A little excerpt from the Malteaster(!) story was...

*Jesus, the son of God, the one who made the **Galaxy** and the **Milky Way**, the planets and **Magic Stars**, all kinds of Marvellous Creations, came down to live just like us! You know the Christmas story, when He was **Bournville** in a stable in Bethlehem! It says in the Bible that though He was Divine, he was also fully human, like you and me, although he might have had **Curly Wurly** hair! Unlike you and me, he lived a perfect life – with no sins. But it was no **Picnic** let me tell you!*

Each time we referred to the name of a chocolate bar we held one up for the children to see. It went down really well (and not only with the children!). Especially when at the end of the service the children were invited to come up and choose one of the chocolates we had used to take home with them.

The feedback as everyone left the Church was really positive, so hopefully, we will be able to repeat this success next year.

Many thanks to all those who helped in any way, and especially Rev Sharon and Maryon for pulling it all together and Dave Townsend who made some of the beautiful props we used during the service.

Love and chocolate
Dawn x



Saint Enoch and Saint Kentigern

A member of our Church at St. Mary's asked me if I could research the life of St. Enoch, which she had heard about from watching Songs of Praise on the 5th March from Glasgow Cathedral. There does not seem to be a lot known about her , but what I have found I now share with you all.

About Saint Enoch

Legendary Christian Saint who was venerated in medieval Glasgow, Scotland. Traditionally she was a sixth-century Brittonic princess of the ancient kingdom of Gododdin (in what became Lothian) and the mother of Saint Kentigern, apostle to the Britons of Strathclyde and founder of the city of Glas Ghu (Glasgow). She and her son are regarded as the city's co-patrons, and Glasgow's St. Enoch Square allegedly marks the site of a medieval chapel dedicated to her, built on or near her grave ("St. Enoch" is in fact a corruption of "St. Teneu") She is commemorated, annually, on 18 July

Also known as Dwynwen, Enoch, Thaneu. A British princess. When she became pregnant before marriage, her family threw her from a cliff. She survived the fall unharmed and was soon met by an unmanned boat. She knew she had no home to go to, so got into the boat; it sailed her across the Firth of Forth to land at Culross where she was cared for by Saint Serf; he became foster-father of her son, Saint Kentigern.

Saint Enoch has been described as "Scotland's first recorded rape victim, battered woman and unmarried mother" – a very modern saint who rose above the hardships she faced

he mural of St Enoch, in modern garb, which has now been painted on the side of a tenement on George Street has won a lot of love. She is feeding or comforting young Kentigern, whilst a robin looks on. Robins have a lot of tales told about them in folklore, and early Christian beliefs. Some tales tell of the robin getting its red breast from drops of blood spilled from Jesus as the bird tried to remove the thorns from his crown from harming

him. The robin was seen as a storm-cloud bird in Norse times, associated with Thor. In Celtic folklore, harming a robin was bad luck, and any injury to a robin, would soon befall the one committing it. Robins also feature in the miracles performed by Saint Kentigern

About Saint Kentigern (Mungo)

Grandson of the British prince Lothus. Hermit. Monk. Missionary to Scotland, beginning at Cathures. Bishop of the Strathclyde Britons in the area of modern Glasgow in 540. He taught and led there for 13 years, living in great austerity. Exiled in 553 during an anti-Christian uprising by local pagans, he fled to Menevia, Wales, where he stayed with Saint David of Wales. He founded a monastery at Llanelwy, and served as its first abbot. He returned to Scotland in 573, evangelizing the areas of Galloway and Cumberland. He returned to Glasgow in 581 and led his people there for his remaining 22 years. Apostle to northwest England and southwest Scotland.

Gail

This is the Mural dedicated to Saint Enoch placed at 15 George Street, Glasgow.



Post Box Topper fit for a King!

Hi there

I'm hoping that many of you heard about and visited the post box along Batley Road (near the Hare and Hounds).

The lovely ladies of the knit and natter group with additional lovely items made by Mavis, put together a knitted post box topper for Easter.



I shared it on Facebook on a UK Post Box Toppers Group, and a lady in the community (I'm sorry I couldn't find her post to thank her) shared it on the West Ardsley Community Group

The reactions were amazing.

We had 1,300 likes on the UK page and some lovely comments, and on the West Ardsley site with hundreds of likes and lots of comments.

Well we decided to get our needles (and crochet hooks) busy again to put together another topper to celebrate the Coronation.

Elaine and I got some funny looks as we stretched and tweaked

and got all our soldiers to stand to attention! as we unveiled the Coronation Topper on the 2nd May.

Once again I shared it on the UK Postbox Topper Facebook page where we have received many lovely comments and over 150 likes (which in just over 3 days is great).



In addition this time, I also posted it on the West Ardsley Community Group Facebook page where up to press we have received over 270 likes and some really lovely comments, but my favourite one was a little boy aged 7 whose mum posted this comment on his behalf;

“I just wanted to say I love it and think it is amazing. Thank you”

What more can we say?

If you haven't been that way lately, do try and have a look as it does look lovely. The only thing is we'll now have to start work on one for after the Coronation!!!

My very grateful thanks go to the amazing ladies of our knit and natter group and our friend Mavis. Without their enthusiasm and skill these lovely things would not be possible.

With love and knitting needles.
Dawn xx

Saints Philip and James' Story.

Saints Day May 3rd.

James, Son of Alphaeus: We know nothing of this man except his name, and, of course, the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, his Church. He is not the James of Acts, son of Clopas, "brother" of Jesus and later bishop of Jerusalem and the traditional author of the Letter of James. James, son of Alphaeus, is also known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James the Greater. Philip: Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the "one about whom Moses wrote" (Jn 1:45).

Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realise who Jesus was. On one occasion, when Jesus saw the great multitude following him and wanted to give them food, he asked Philip where they should buy bread for the people to eat. Saint John comments, "[Jesus] said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do" (Jn 6:6). Philip answered, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little [bit]" (Jn 6:7).

John's story is not a put-down of Philip. It was simply necessary for these men who were to be the foundation stones of the Church to see the clear distinction between humanity's total helplessness apart from God and the human ability to be a bearer of divine power by God's gift.

On another occasion, we can almost hear the exasperation in Jesus's voice. After Thomas had complained that they did not know where Jesus was going, Jesus said, "I am the way. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him" (Jn 14:6a, 7). Then Philip said, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us" (Jn 14:8). Enough! Jesus answered, "Have I been with you for so long a time, and you still do not know

me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father” (Jn 14:9a). Possibly because Philip bore a Greek name or because he was thought to be close to Jesus, some gentile proselytes came to him and asked him to introduce them to Jesus. Philip went to Andrew, and Andrew went to Jesus. Jesus’s reply in John’s Gospel is indirect; Jesus says that now his “hour” has come, that in a short time he will give his life for Jew and gentile alike.

Reflection

As in the case of the other apostles, we see in James and Philip human men who became foundation stones of the Church, and we are reminded again that holiness and its consequent apostolate are entirely the gift of God, not a matter of human achieving. All power is God’s power, even the power of human freedom to accept his gifts. “You will be clothed with power from on high,” Jesus told Philip and the others. Their first commission had been to expel unclean spirits, heal diseases, announce the kingdom. They learned, gradually, that these externals were sacraments of an even greater miracle inside their persons—the divine power to love like God. Saints Philip and James are the Patron Saints of: Uruguay

Gail



Two hours for life

We will be holding a 'Heart Start' Course in the Parish Centre

On **Monday 22nd May 2023**

At **6.00pm to 8.00pm**

Do you know what to do in an emergency if someone suffered a Cardiac Arrest, how to deal with an unconscious person, or how to spot the signs and symptoms of a heart attack?

Do you know how to use a defibrillator?

If you would like to learn some emergency skills to deal with these and some other issues we are running a course available to everyone in the Parish Centre on the 22nd May. (details above).

The course is free but is limited to 20 people aged 16 and above.

(If we receive more than 20 names we will aim to run a further course).

If you would like to attend, could you please contact;
Dawn Tattersfield on 07840 739239 or
email dawn@stmarywoodkirk.org

Deadline 5.00pm 17th May 2023

you do not have to be involved with the Church, this course is available across the community.

The course is led by a very friendly and fully trained instructor who will show you how you will be able to help in the following

situations:-

Dealing with an unconscious person

The signs and symptoms of a heart attack

**Recognising a Cardiac Arrest and performing
C.P.R.**

Dealing with choking

Dealing with serious bleeding

This is not a First Aid Course but will cover some aspects of first aid.

All are welcome, but we are limited to a maximum of 20 people by the British Heart Foundation who sponsor this training, which is why we need you to let us know if you would like to attend.

Dawn



Help us raise £'s and p's for peas?!

Once again we are asking for your help to support the work of Christian Aid.

Whilst Christian Aid help with many different emergencies for this year's Christian Aid Week Appeal they are asking us to take up 'The Big Pea Challenge'.



For 2023 Christian Aid are celebrating how their partners in Malawi are helping farmers transform their livelihoods using the 'humble but mighty' pigeon pea.

This is a drought resistant, soil revitalising, high protein, low cost, delicious crop, and in order to raise p's for peas I will be undertaking a sponsored walk around Christian Aid Week (between 9th to 20th May).

Sadly, the Morley fundraising group of which we were a part have folded, so I am heading off on a walk individually, although if you would like to join me, I will put the date of the walk on the weekly news sheet and the Church Facebook page. Thanks to Dave Townsend who has already agreed to walk with me.

A sponsor form will be available in church if you feel able to sponsor me, any amount no matter how large or small would be brilliant.

You can also donate via the church bank account details are given below:-

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Please put Walk in the reference.

You can also leave donations in the plate in church after a service, or pay using your card in the machine at the back of church. (If you do donate via the card machine can you let myself or Barbara know so that we can see it is allocated to Christian Aid.

Once again, thank you so much, in advance, for your support.

Dawn x



Leeds Diocese School wins National King's bench competition.

Dacre Braithwaite Primary Summerbridge, Harrogate is one of 15 winners in a competition to create a Coronation Bench to go on display in the Tower of London as part of its celebrations.

Some 1,500 schools took part by sending in designs by pupils, explained delighted head teacher Jo Dobbs: "We are all very excited!

"It was wonderful and to see the children supporting and helping each other as well as building on each other's ideas.

"Children from Year 2 to Year 6 put themselves forward to form the Coronation Art Club. We met weekly to learn about the historical importance and symbolism of the Coronation and to share ideas for our thoughts on the vision and values of the new Monarchy.

"We did this through reviewing the resources put together by Historic Royal Palaces alongside some of our own research about King Charles III and his priorities and interest as Prince of Wales. The children were inspired by these discussions and the Coronation bench designs evolved from there with every child contributing many pieces of art during 'thought shower' sessions (pictured) enabling everyone to contribute ideas and pictures for each theme.

“Designs were then amalgamated, some re-drawn and shrunk down to fit the template whilst maintaining the details that the children imagined and drew.

“All the pictures were hand drawn by the children and the values written on by them. The children selected and coloured the background to each side,” Jo said.

“They loved helping to pull all the pictures together and loved seeing their pictures in the final bench design.”



GEORGE & JEMIMA BEING WISE

George pops up singing

We three kings of orientar, one in a bus & one in a car, one on a scooter
blowing his hooter, following yonder star, All together, oooohhhh star of

Jemima pops up and buts in

Wooooo George, stop right there, what do ya think ya doing?

George Nowt, just singing a few carols, why what's up?

Jemima Ya not singing the right words, it doesn't go like that.

George Well it's the only one I know, we've been singing it like this for ever.

Jemima Well ya singing it all wrong George.

George To be honest Jemima, I must admit there is some daft words in it, don't ya think?

Jemima Such as ?

George ORIENTAR, I mean where is Orientar, I bet it's down London way somewhere.

Jemima How do work that one out George?

George Aw come on, ya must have heard of that football team, Leyton Orientar.

Jemima Oh you are daft George, it's the Orient where they come from not Orientar.

George. The only Orient that I've heard of is the Chinese Take away ont top road.

Jemima. George, listen. It's we three kings from orient are not orientar.

George. Yeh well what's the difference between orientar and orientar.

Jemima. Cause ya saying it wrong George, it's Orient are, two separate words. Listen, we three kings from Orient – space- are.

George. Aw, so orientar's in space now then?

Jemima. Noooooooo, it's the space between the two words ughhhhh!
Listen, I'll try again. We three Kings from ORIENT (long gap) ARE. It's just

the way it was written in those days, if you were from the Orient. It means from the orient you are.

George. So does that mean I'm from Liversedge are.

Jemima. Yes George, I think you've got it now.

George. Blimey, it's sounds like Yoda from Star Wars. From Liversedge you are. Play with me you will.

Jemima. Don't be so daft George. I bet you haven't a clue what the carol's about.

George. Ok then listen to this. Three wise men go into the stable. The first wise man says to Joseph "I bring a gift of gold". Joseph says ok just put it down and go away, as my wife is tired and does not want to be disturbed right now. So he goes away. Then the next wise man butts in and says to Joseph "I bring the gift of Frankenstein." Joseph says I told you my wife is tired and I do not want any more disturbance, now please be gone" Just then the third wise man jumps in and says WAIT THERE'S MYRRH Ha ha ha ha. Wait there's Myrrh.

Jemima. Priceless George, you're priceless.

George. I suppose you know all about the orientar carol then Jemima.

Jemima. A little bit yes.

George. OK then Miss clever clogs, Where did that bright star come from, cause I've never seen a star as shiny as that one was supposed to be?

Jemima. There are bright stars in the sky all the time, you just have to look for them George.

George. Ok then, what's the brightest star in the sky?

Jemima. SIRIUS.

George. Course I'm serious, I've just asked you, haven't I ?

Jemima. No George, the star is called Sirius.

George. Ya doing my head in now Jemima, let's change the subject, what did Santa Bring you for Christmas?

Jemima. Mainly new clothes and some books and chocolate selection boxes, what did you get George?

George. Not much really, just a new peddle car, a new bike, some new football boots, a new Leeds United Kit, some jigsaws, some new toy soldiers, an action man, a football, a cricket bat, some chocolates, cinema tickets, and some new clothes.

Jemima. Not much then?

George. Naaa.

Jemima. Well you got a lot more than the baby Jesus got for Christmas George.

George. Yes I suppose I did. Let's get back to this three wise men malarky Jemima.

Jemima. Ok, what about it?

George. There were three of em right?

Jemima. Yes, that's right.

George. So why were they all called MAGI ?

Jemima. They weren't called Magi, that's who they were they were Magi, pronounced Maigi!

George. Well I call em Magi, and I'll tell you what.

Jemima. What?

George. They make smashing soup, my Mum gets it from Aldi.

Jemima. Ya being daft again George.

George. Come on then, what were their names?

Jemima. Balthasar, Melchior and Gaspar or Caspar according to

Western Church Tradition.

George. WOW, them's cracking names, better than just Fred, Harry and George. So why did they bring gifts of gold, Frankenstein and myrrh. I mean, everyone knows what gold is, but what's frankenstein and myrrh?

Jemima. It's called frankincense not frankenstein and it's used in scents and perfumes and obtained from trees of the genus Boswellia.

George. woooo get you, Miss University Challenge. Come on then what on earth is Myrrh, cause it doesn't sound nice whatever it is, I mean Myrrrrrrhrrrrh!

Jemima. Myrrh is a gum resin extracted from small thorny trees and used in perfume.

George. Oh yeh, I can just imagine someone saying to you. "What a lovely perfume, what is it." MYRRRRRRHHHH!

Jemima. Come off it George, you asked me about these things and now ya making fun of me.

George. I'm sorry Jemima, but it's a lot to take in. Come on then, you tell us all about it in your bestist way.

Jemima. Ok then. Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea during the time when Herod was king. After Jesus was born, some wise men.

George. Fred, Harry and George?

Jemima. Shut up George.

George. Sorry

Jemima. Some wise men from the East came to Jerusalem. They asked "where is the Baby who was born to be the King of The Jews? We saw his star in the east. We came to worship him." When King Herod heard about this, he wasn't right pleased, and all the people in Jerusalem were worried too. King Herod called a meeting and asked all the leading Priests and teachers of the law where the Christ would be born.

‘Bethlehem’ they said and he will be like a shepherd to the Israelites. Herod then had a secret meeting with the wise men from the east. He learned from them the exact time they first saw the star. Then Herod sent the wise men to Bethlehem. He said “Go look carefully to find the child. When you find him, come tell me, then I can go worship him too.” The wise men heard the King and left. They saw the same star they had seen in the east. It went before them until it stopped above the place where the child was, and they were filled with joy.

George. Who’s Joy?

Jemima. Shut it.

George. Sorry.

Jemima. That’s when they bowed down to worship the child and gave him the gifts of gold, frankincense

George. Frankincense.

Jemima. Sorry, frankincense and myrrh. So George, rumour has it that the gift of giving presents at Christmas all started in that stable on the day Jesus was born. The wise men came with gifts for the baby Jesus. But God gave them a gift also.

George. What of?

Jemima. The gift of his son, the baby Jesus.

George. So did the wise men get back safely to Orientar then?

Jemima. Yes George, but they had to go back a different way, because King Herod wasn’t coming to worship Jesus after all, but that’s another story.....

Say goodbye George.

George. Goodbye everybody. Pops down singing. “I’m a king from Liversedge are.”

Brian

More Yorkshire Sayings... (With thanks to Alice)

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Church Mouse Tales

‘I’m excited!’ I declared to my friend Hubert, the Black Canon.

Hubert raised one of his large bushy eyebrows.

‘Excited?’ he asked.

‘Yes. Yes! It’s the coronation of the new King!’

‘So it is!’ he agreed with surprise.

‘Aren’t you going to watch it?’ I asked suddenly fearful of the answer.

‘Oh absolutely!’ he smiled, ‘I wouldn’t miss it for the world.’

‘Oh great!’ I said ecstatically, ‘that means I will be able to watch it too!’

‘So you will, Misha.’ he agreed.

‘I love all that pomp and ceremony with marching and music....and....I wonder what the King will be wearing?’ I was suddenly curious.

‘Oh I think he will have an altogether new suit of clothes’, observed Hubert.

‘I hope so’, I said excitedly, ‘I hope I will be able to say:

Isn’t it grand! Isn’t it fine! Look at the cut, the style, the line!

The suit of clothes is all together, but all together it’s all together the most remarkable suit of clothes that I have ever seen. These eyes of mine at once determined, the sleeves are velvet, the cape is ermine, the hose are blue and the doublet is a lovely shade of green. Well, isn’t it oh! Isn’t it rich! Look at the charm of every stitch! The suit of clothes is all together, but all together it’s all together the most remarkable suit of clothes that I have ever seen!’

‘Er, yes, well I hope you will be able to say that too’, said Hubert thoughtfully.

‘Yes! I think the King will be altogether marvellous!’

‘And Queen Camilla too...’

‘Oh yes I’m sure she will be altogether together with the King.’ I nodded to myself at my own impeccable logic.

‘Well I’m glad that’s all sorted’, said Hubert with a smile, ‘we can have a get together celebrate’.

Misha



Alberts Quiz: Animals & their habits

- 1) By which name is the German Shepherd dog also known?
- 2) What is Britian's most important dog show called?
- 3) How many antennae does a wasp have?
- 4) What name is given to a creature that eats both plants and animals?
- 5) Arachnophobia is the fear of what type of animals?
- 6) What sort of creatures would you find in an apiary?
- 7) What doesn't an invertebrate animal have?
- 8) The dingo is native to which continent?
- 9) What animal's name derives from the ancient Greek for river horse?
- 10) What is contained in a camel's hump?
- 11) The Nanook is another name for what animal?
- 12) What is a female tiger known as?
- 13) Which two creatures appear on the British coat of arms?
- 14) What name links a character from "Friends" and a baby Kangaroo?
- 15) What is the only species of deer where the females have antlers?
- 16) In the film "Marley and Me", what sort of animal was Marley?
- 17) The spots on a ladybird are usually what colour?
- 18) What bird is often used to describe people from New Zealand?
- 19) How many legs does a crab have? Is it a)6, b)8, c)10?
- 20) Which elephant has the bigger ears? Is it a) Indian, or b) African?

Answers on Page 41

Dates for Your Diary

May

Wed 3rd	10am Holy Communion
Sat 6th	(Coronation of King Charles)
Sun 7th	10.30am Holy Communion
Sun	2pm Afternoon Coronation Tea
Tues 9th	7.30pm PCC Meeting
Wed 10th	10am Holy Communion
Sun 14th	10.30am Holy Communion 1.30pm Holy Baptism
Wed 17th	10am Holy Communion
Thur 18th	11am Service at Lydgate Lodge Care Home 7pm Ascension Day Holy Communion
Sat 20th	10am-12pm Coffee Morning—World Bee Day
Sun 21st	10.30am Holy Communion 11.30am APCM
Mon 22nd	6pm-8pm CPR Training
Wed 24th	10am Holy Communion
Sun 28th	10.30am Holy Communion 1.30pm Holy Baptism
Wed 31st	10am Holy Communion

June

Sun 4th	10.30am Holy Communion 1.30pm Holy Baptism
Wed 7th	10am Holy Communion
Sat 10th	10am-2pm Family Fun Day

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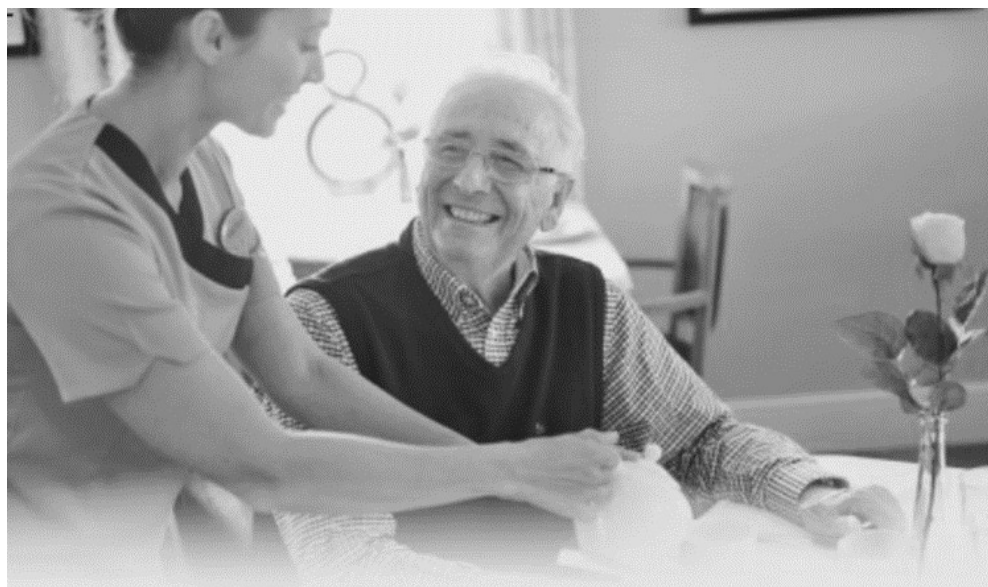
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QUIZ ANSWERS

1) Alsatian, 2) Crufts, 3) 2, 4) Omnivore, 5) Spiders , 6) Bees, 7) A backbone, 8) Australia, 9) Hippopotamus, 10) Fat, 11) Polar bear, 12) Tigress, 13) Lion and Unicorn, 14) Joey, 15) Reindeer, 16) A dog, 17) Black, 18) A Kiwi, 19) Ten, 20) African,

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS—

There were no baptisms last month and so we will pray for those families who have baptisms booked in later in the year.



DEATHS



We give thanks for the lives of all those who have died within our Parish:

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WEDDINGS

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Charlotte 07972217528

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Contact Erin Blake

Young at Heart 1st & 3rd Thursdays 2:00pm
Sally Shaw 07963610708

Rainbows Thursday 5.30 - 6.30pm
Ruth Osenton-Brown 01924 607393

Brownies Thursday 6.30 - 7.45pm
Hannah Tombling 01924 501892

Beavers Friday 5:00pm to 6:15 pm
Joanne Rutledge 07950 580877

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Marianne Ingham 07778 542302

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Trevor Holdsworth 0113 253 0927

Explorer Scouts Friday 7:45 pm to 9:30 pm
Chris Ingham 07816 517838

Diary and Services this Month

Sunday Services.

Each Sunday there will be a Holy Communion Service at 10.30am in Church as well as Online.

Weekday Services

Mondays 9am	Morning Prayer	On Line
Tuesdays 6pm	Evening Prayer	On Line
Wednesdays 10am	Holy Communion in Church & On-line.	
Thursdays 9pm	Night Prayer	On Line
Fridays 9am	Morning Prayer	On Line

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